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P&G Case 8481

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of :
Aleksey Mikhailovich Pinyayev : Confirmation No. 3781
Serial No. 09/879,706 : Group Art Unit 3736
Filed March 23, 2001 : Examiner

For Method And Apparatus For Measuring Properties Of A Target Surface

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

TO 3700 MAIL ROOM
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IN THE CLAIMS

A. 1. 5. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein said voltage increases at a rate of 0.1 to 10 volts per second.

6. (Amended) The method according to claim 5 wherein said current nonlinearily increases from a baseline value to said predetermined value.

7. (Amended) The method according to claim 5 wherein said current monotonically increases from a baseline value to said predetermined value.

A. 2. 12. (Amended) A device according to claim 11 wherein each said electrode has a contact area of at least 0.01 square mm.

A. 3. 14. (Amended) A device according to claim 12 wherein said electrodes are spaced apart a distance of 3 to 10 mm.

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